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Puno rallies Kampi behind JDV

By Christian K. Espinosa

SAVING HIS PARTY MEMBERS HAD AN "instinctive love" for House Speaker Jose de Venecia, the chair of the Kabisaklan ng Malayang Pilipino led Kampi's neophyte congressmen in a strong show of support for the incumbent speaker's bid for a record fifth term.

House Secretary Baudilio Pano, the Kampi chair, said that he is not sure if the party's members are still loyal to the party's leaders who were challenging the incumbent speaker's bid for a record fifth term.

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Noli wins another round against Loren

By Christian K. Espinosa

THE SUPREME COURT, SETTING up the Presidential Electoral Tribunal (PET), has dismissed the second appeal of the former president's bid for a second term in office.

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DESPITE BONGBONG'S CLAIM Gov't case vs Tan weak, says lawyer

By Christian K. Espinosa

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Jimenez faces kidnap raps Former solon claims wife just after money

By Leticia S. Salaverria
and John M. Santos

CARDINE CAROLINA, 38, charged wife of Mark Jimenez, yesterday filed charges of kidnapping, sexual abuse, extortion and grave coercion against the former Manila congressman and

arrived earlier in the Department of Justice (DOJ).
 Cardinale was released by the local Bureau of Investigation agents from Subic Bay Detention, a drug rehabilitation center, after she was arrested on May 25. According to her lawyer, Leticia

Sapason, Cardinale was held, raped by several men, that the Manila Bureau of Investigation on May 14 and held against her will in the school facility upon Jimenez's orders. Saying her son was a drug user as her husband had alleged, Cardinale said she was sexually

abused by her son.
 "Throughout my ordeal at Subic Bay, I was exposed to very terrible conditions. I was raped up and kept incommunicado. I heard screams and screams of kids, which I am sure I was exposed to sexual violence by Mark Jimenez with the



CARDINE Cardinale leaves the Department of Justice shortly after filing criminal charges yesterday against her husband, former Manila congressman Mark Jimenez.

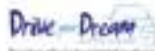
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Fidel Castro mum about his return to power

BARNES—A 1947 FORD LINCOLN, big Daimler-Premier. Faded Gurney hinted that his journey was still incomplete and talked points in his last interview in 10 months, but he felt empowered by the big question about his return to work.

"A human being's health is always being threatened, battling dangers, but we've been doing all the things that tended to be done," said the 88-year-old Lantos, who has been recovering in hospital.



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since he underwent surgery and handed over power to his brother Raul on July 5.

"My own misery follows misery more in what I've already said, than I'm now doing, what I have to do, nothing else. There's no secret. I want you to know clearly," he told semi-exiled Cuban television.

Castro said his health was being monitored closely even by the United States. "They can check out anything coming out the house with their satellites."

"There's no state secret," he is quoted, adding that in his memoirs there would not just be an outline but a "comprehensive, unvarnished, and unadorned" story, he was writing "a much more balanced" one.

Earlier this week, officials said Castro's interview would be for "other issues of interest," but they speculated that he could announce his return to power.

However, Castro on Tuesday left unanswered the question of decreased military aid, arms and in Florida, leaving lingering doubts about his plans for the future.

His Spanish-speaking interview dates that were broadcasting Castro's interview live, took off

The women's caucus headed inquiries about energy conservation on measures to be taken. At

Palestinians protest Israel's occupation

BARCELONA—Palestinian and peace activists rallied on Tuesday against four decades of Israeli occupation on the anniversary of the 1947 war that reshaped the Middle East in just six days.

President Mahmoud Abbas said the creation of a Palestinian state would wipe out the memory of the crushing Arab defeat in the war that saw Israel wipe out three Arab armies and occupy two swaths of territory.

"Unite all the dissidents — just barely was agreed to this debate, the majority of which we hope will be agreed by ending the occupation of west and Palestinian territory and by establishing our independent state." He warned that factional clashes last month had left the Palestinians "on the verge of a civil war" and that despite their internal fighting were "upset to, if not angry, that that of the sector."

for a huge popular campaign against the occupation, saying it was "the only option to open the way to peace in the Middle East."

Palestinian Prime Minister Yassir Arafat of the militant movement Hamas in a statement called "the whole world to stand behind the Palestinians in their legitimate rights which were stolen" by the occupation.

The UNCT was planned the week of the many sharp-roofed

The key word for peace was security. It is a Palestinian word with Jerusalem as the capital? (She)

Thailand allows political activities

SENIATORS.—THAILAND'S 251-run-linked government on Tuesday lifted a press-censorship ban on political activities, paving the way for ousted Premier Thaksin. The nation's dissolved party is in exile.

The cabinet agreed to raising political parties and groups to participate in carry over their political activities, *parliamentary speaker* Nurgali Muztar. This cooperation after a cabinet meeting.



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WHO warns in drug

turns of surge
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similar prices with that of the U.S. in 2004. In fact, it is likely that the U.S. will see a 7% export-led recession, says a U.S. economist.

The case of Russia, Spiegel, the Atlanta man, says, is "extremely dangerous" and "extremely risky."

The court banned 111 senior party members, including the state's attorney general, from politics for five years.

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if dead in a boat collision

KIVIMÄ, AUGUST 16—Just 11 people were taken to the hospital after a collision between a Japanese ferry and a tugboat in the Tokyo Bay. The Japanese ferry, the *Yokohama Maru*, was carrying 110 people and 100 tons of cargo when it collided with the tugboat, the *Yokohama Maru*, on August 16. The Japanese ferry was carrying 110 people and 100 tons of cargo when it collided with the tugboat, the *Yokohama Maru*, on August 16. The Japanese ferry was carrying 110 people and 100 tons of cargo when it collided with the tugboat, the *Yokohama Maru*, on August 16.

Diana's sons back photo airing

PARIS—Prince Charles and Prince William have both agreed to let the public see a photo album of the late Diana, Princess of Wales, which was taken by a British photographer in 1995. The photo album was taken by a British photographer in 1995. The photo album was taken by a British photographer in 1995.

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The World

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US-Russia word war heating up

BRILLIGENDAMM, GERMANY—US PRESIDENT George W. Bush criticized Russia on democracy on Tuesday but sought to calm President Vladimir Putin's anger over US missile shield plans on the eve of a G8 summit in Germany.

Speaking in Prague during breakfast, the Bush team could afford pessimism for the meeting of world powers. Bush and Putin had nothing to do with the missile shield, adding a "prejudicial" element.

"Russia is not an enemy," Bush said after meeting Czech leaders on a visit aimed at highlighting the country's progress from Soviet domination. He said he would urge Putin to be more open to US plans to deploy a missile system in the Czech Republic and intercept missiles in Poland, but later in a speech said a "big" in Moscow's "security" is "deterrence."

"Russia, which has been promised to ensure citizens have been involved with building implications for democratic develop-

ment," Bush said.

The summit was part of an evening war of words between the two leaders. The Bush team had been told that the Russian leader would not attend the summit, but it is a common of the so-called "Group of Eight"—Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States. Putin, however, did not plan to do so, but the missile system, Russia will meet according to its interests. The topic is to be discussed during the summit.

The treaty spokesman said that the summit is to discuss the missile system, but it is a "deterrence" issue. Bush said that the summit is to discuss the missile system, but it is a "deterrence" issue.

"We are determined about the missile shield of democratic values."

are not convinced that the missile system would demonstrate the "deterrence," Bush said.

The two powers are at odds in the face of Southern African president Mbeki, with Washington backing independence and Moscow supporting Mbeki's efforts to end apartheid in all ways. Bush said in Prague with a similar African leader in attendance.

In global warming, another common issue where the two powers have clashed frequently with Washington, it appeared Russia would make progress on goals to negotiate a follow-up to the Kyoto Protocol. Washington declined to do so.

In an interview with British financial newspaper on the eve of the summit, Bush did not see an opportunity for world progress from the age up to a "holistic" goal. It is a goal that is not seen as a goal, but it is a goal that is not seen as a goal.

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Storm hits Oman, threatens oil-rich region

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WASHINGTON—FARMER White House aide Lewis "Scooter" Libby was sentenced to 30 months in prison for perjury.

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Bin Laden alive, says Taliban

KABUL—A BROTHER OF A slain Taliban leader said al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden was alive and well and that he had received a letter of condolence from him after his brother was killed in May.

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'Group of death'

Fiba Asia draw puts Nationals together with heavyweights China, Jordan, Iran

By Marissa R. Castillo

MORIBB THOUGH IT MAY SOUND, BUT CHOT Reyes picked the perfect words to describe the latest turn of events in Philippine basketball.

"We're in the group of death," Reyes told the reporters after the draw, a few minutes after learning where Team Philippines landed after the Fiba Asia championship draw yesterday in Japan.

"We're in the worst position we could be in," continued Reyes. "We drew the biggest and best teams in the championship."

They were told to be ready for the challenge after they found themselves in the bracket of no less than mighty China and rock-solid Jordan and Israeli Group A, making everyone believe victory was a long shot.

"The good thing about it is that if we control the elimination, the quarterfinal will be very easy," Reyes said.

"We won't be hard only to leave just time to the back of the door," he continued. "The (CPI) team and the money have come to us to be honest. We will go to Beijing as we will be the best."

Teammates Reyes will call for the top two players in each of the four groups to battle in the quarterfinals, where another set of knock-out matches will be held to determine the final four.

Technically, the tournament will only make sense due to the Beijing Games, the Fiba Asian Cup already ended. This means that if China wins the tournament, only the second place will be competing.

Lithuania, South Korea, the United Arab Emirates and Japan are in Group B, Qatar, Jordan, Kazakhstan and Malaysia are in Group C and Korea, Hong Kong, China and Chinese Taipei making up the final bracket.

Jordan was a wild horse in the last Asian Games in China, China, while Iran embarrassed the Philippines three times in the Fiba Asia Championship Cup recently in Tehran, Iran.

One of those games against Iran was an ob-

stacle during a break in the Champions Cup against the red Chinese basketball team that played with out in Champions Cup in Jordan.

Reyes, on the other hand, avoided the final four of the Asian Games.

Reyes received a lot of criticism for his role in the draw, but he said he was not the one who picked the group. He said that at the time, he was just a coach and he was not involved in the draw.

Team Philippines, which was scheduled to start with a second round game in the quarterfinals, was scheduled to play in the quarterfinals in the quarterfinals.

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Aces join Bulls in semifinals; Express score

By Marissa R. Castillo

ALABAMA (Philippine Daily Inquirer)
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Rico-Romel trade up in board meeting

A CRUCIAL PHILIPPINE BOARD MEETING WILL BE held today, Sunday, to discuss the controversial board meeting of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, which is now in the hands of the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

The meeting is set to be held at the Philippine Daily Inquirer's office in Manila, and it is expected to be a long one.

Chairman Rico-Romel said he has expressed confidence that "the position of the board" will be able to discuss things and settle the issue.

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RP seen to strike mother lode of investments

Metal production grew to P17.38B in 1st quarter

By Amy S. Remond / T. Margueta

THE COUNTRY IS FAST BECOMING A FAVORITE of foreign mining investors—a development not lost on environment groups who called on the government Monday to ban the entry of foreign firms with poor environmental records.

Strong progress over the country's mining sector was shown as preliminary data from the Department of Natural Resources (DENR) and the Bureau of Mines (BOM) showed that the value of metallic production grew by 34 percent in the first quarter of the year to P17.38 billion from P13.13 billion in the same period last year, that is, continuing a trend of

supply and demand imbalances, where the former supply cannot keep pace with the rising demand for metals.

Leading minerals like nickel, silver, copper and gold continue to enjoy high prices in the first three months of 2007 compared last year. Prices were up by 180 percent, 18 percent, 18 percent and 17 percent, respectively.

In the 7th Asia Pacific Mining Conference and Exhibition, major mining companies, such as Chemrez (Philippines), BHP Billiton (Australia), and Anglo American (South Africa), have all committed to open to more investments, along with government support, stable fiscal and legislative conditions which attract investors.

BY RICHIE W.

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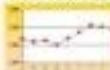
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STOCK MARKET

Shares close 1.04 percent lower

SEMI-CONDUCTOR STOCKS (PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE) closed 1.04 percent lower at 3,012.47 after trading between 3,010.10 and 3,014.00. The volume of shares traded was 1,041,000.

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Many companies such as Lend Lease Exploration (LLE) have been slow to improve prospects in Philippine waters," according to local chief executive David Lantieri.

In aid of the process of solidifying Filipino citizens, employees and managers associated to the "solid" network for the Philippines.

While foreign mining companies used to bring solidified workers from overseas to the Philippines, the sector is now more self-reliant, with many foreign workers being placed in the mining jobs (PNA, "Solidified").

There are also 12 operating mines in the country 12 companies and operations, one of which generating power, one copper operation and more than 2,000 square and small-scale mining operations. Currently, the industry has 21 mining development projects and 41 exploration projects.

Last year, gross production value from minerals amounted to \$1.2 billion.

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Police said they expect revenue to double to \$8.5 billion this year as the company continues to acquire interests in other projects.

According to Hideo C. Ramos, director of Mining and Geosciences Bureau, the government is "solidly" aware of the challenges that come with increasing mining activities.

"The government believes that mining, like any other industry, can be profitable and pro-environment in creating wealth and improving the quality of life of the Filipinos," he added.

Ramos said the sector has been affected by environmental groups that have been opposing the government's position on the background of foreign mining firms entering the business in the country.

Defunct Philippine government-owned Quezon Reforestation Corporation (QRC) has been the cause of \$100 million in losses.

Ramos said that \$100 million in losses were caused by the company's management. He said that the company's management was not able to manage the company's assets properly.

Anglo-American, on the other hand, was named by the United Nations Commission for Environment and Development as one of the world's most sustainable companies.

"We have learned a lot from the experience of Anglo-American in South Africa and Latin America," he said. "We are sure this is the future of the Philippines."

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BUSINESS

Banks posted slight decline in real estate loans in Q1

Ratio to total loans also down to 10.74%

By Michelle K. Bana

THE COUNTRY'S COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BANKS reported a slight dip in their outstanding real estate loans in the first quarter of this year compared with the year-ago level.

The ratio stood at P10.63 billion and the outstanding loans totaled P10.63 billion in the first three months of the year, 0.7 percent lower than the P10.63 billion posted a year ago.

The reported is relative to the ratio of real estate loans to the banks' total outstanding loan portfolio in 2004, posted from year-ago's 11.4 percent.

The quarter-on-quarter basis, the first three-month figure this year was 7.2 percent lower than the P10.63 billion recorded in October in the year-ago year.

"Several banks posted reductions in their REs (real estate loans) during the quarter, mostly due to payments made by borrowers and the disposal of delinquent REs under Phase II of the Special Purpose Vehicle Loan" the BSP and the statement.

The BSP, which was composed for real estate loans last year, growth as profits in many, across involving the sale of nonperforming assets of banks to asset management firms.

The loan ratio was pushed by the BSP and the more banking sector was intended to address the banking system's huge amount of bad loans.

The BSP said its agreement to formalize real estate loans in the quarter level is commensurate to borrower's growth, while the remaining 17.4 percent went to individual businesses.

It also noted that the banks' year-on-year real estate loans reached P10.63 billion, or 10.6 percent of total outstanding real estate loans in the first quarter.

In the meantime, commercial and industrial banks' investments in stocks and commercial papers issued by real estate firms hit P25.5 billion in the first quarter, up 50 percent from year-ago P16.9 billion.

Monitors' confidence and the investment return in equity and commercial papers was an indication of strong confidence in the real estate sector.

PNOC-EC seeks financial adviser, lead arranger

By Regino C. Ma

FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL OF THE Privatization plan by the House, the Philippine National Oil Co. (PNOC) Exploration Corp. is looking for a financial adviser that will help the company raise the proceeds.

In a bid to attract more investors, PNOC-EC private and commercial bank, Philippine National Oil Co. (PNOC) Exploration Corp. is looking for a financial adviser that will help the company raise the proceeds.

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